



Please type a plus sign (+) → +

Patent and Trademark Office U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

| | | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <p>14490747 TRADEMARKS</p> <p>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</p> <p>Sheet 1 of 1</p> | | U.S. Department of Commerce Patent and Trademark Office | Application No. : 09/906,995 |
| | | Filing Date : July 17, 2001 | |
| | | First Named Inventor: H. KINOSHITA | Group Art Unit : 3625 |
| | | Examiner Name : F. THOMPSON JR. | Attorney Docket No. : NECW 18.854 |

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

| Examiner Initials | Cite No. ¹ | U.S. Patent Document | Kind Code if known ² | Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document | Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY | Pages, Columns Lines Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear |
|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |

FOREIGN DOCUMENTS

| Examiner Initials | Cite No. ¹ | Foreign Patent Document Office ⁴ Number ⁴ Kind Code ³ (if known) | Country | Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document | Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YY/Y | Pages, Columns Lines Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear |
|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| SK | 2000-132609 | JP | ORDERTRUST LLC | 05/12/2000 | | |
| SK | 11-143977 | JP | JAPAN TRAVEL BUREAU INC | 05/28/1999 | | |

Other Prior Art-Non Patent Literature Documents

| | | | |
|--------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Examiner Initials | Cite No. | Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), data, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, country, where published, source. | Applicant check here if English language translation attached |
| SK | | ASAHI SHIMBUN COMPANY, "FREE AIRLINE TICKETS FOR FLIGHT MILES: MIX-UP OF CORPORATE AND PRIVATE? CORPORATE CONFUSION, EVEN PROHIBITION OF PRIVATE USE" ASAHI SHIMBUN, TOKYO MORNING EDITION JAPAN, JULY 22, 1998, p. 21 | |
| SK | | NIKKAN KOGYO SHIMBUN COMPANY, "EVER-GROWING MILEAGE SERVICE: AN AVOIDABLE RACE FOR SURVIVAL" DISTRIBUTION SERVICE NEWSPAPER, NOVEMBER 17, 1998, page 1 | RECEIVED JAN 21 2004 |
| SK | | MARUYAMA, et al., "PROPOSALS FOR THE EFFECTIVE USE OF MILEAGE SERVICE: ROPING IN HEAVY USERS" NIKKEI MULTIMEDIA, JAPAN: FEBRUARY 15, 1999, NO. 44 pp. 146-149 | |
| SK | | WADA, "UNITED AIRLINES' 'MILEAGE PLUS'" CARDWAVE JAPAN, C-MEDIA CO., LTD., VOL. 13, NO. 1 DECEMBER 10, 1999, pp. 40-44 | GROUP 3600 |
| Examiner Signature | Sarah R. Gedrich | Date Considered | 10-19-2004 |

Examiner: Initial if reference considered, whether or not in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw a line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of the item with next communication to applicant.

¹Unique citation designation number. ²See attached kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the filing of the Examiner also provides the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbol as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.7 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language translation is attached.

Service Note Statement: This form is estimated to take 3 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no person is required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.



Please type a plus sign (+) → +

144 PTO

5

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

Sheet 1 of 1

Patent and Trademark Office U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

U.S. Department of Commerce
Patent and Trademark Office

Application No. : 09/906,905

Filing Date : July 17, 2001

First Named Inventor: H. KINOSHITA

Group Art Unit : 3625

Examiner Name : F. THOMPSON JR

Attorney Docket No. : NECW 18.854

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

| Examiner Initials | Cite No. ¹ | U.S. Patent Document | Kind Code if known ² | Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document | Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY | Pages, Columns Lines Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear |
|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |

FOREIGN DOCUMENTS

| Examiner Initials | Cite No. ¹ | Foreign Patent Document Office ³ Number ⁴ Kind Code ⁵ (if known) | Country | Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document | Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YY/Y | Pages, Columns Lines Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear |
|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| SKG | | 11-353359 | JP | ORIENT CORP | 12/24/1999 | |
| SKG | | 09-034962 | JP | HITACHI LTD, et al. | 02/07/1997 | |
| SKG | | 11-215264 | JP | BUERII JAPAN:KK | 08/06/1999 | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |

Other Prior Art-Non Patent Literature Documents

| | | | |
|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Examiner Initials | Cite No. | Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, country, where published, source. | Applicant check here if English language translation attached |
| SKG | | "BETTING ON A QUICK, DECISIVE BATTLE IN THE SCRABBLE FOR MILEAGE PROGRAM MEMBERS: ANA'S CTI INTERNET-READY SYSTEM" COMPUTOPIA, JAPAN, COMPUTER AGE CO., LTD., AUGUST 1, 1997 VOL. 32, NO. 371, pp. 56-57 | |
| Examiner Signature | <i>Sarah R. Gedrich</i> | Date Considered | 10-19-2004 |

Examiner: Initial if reference considered, whether or not claimed to be in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw a line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹Unique citation designation number. ²See attached Kind of U.S. Patent Documents. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the documents under WIPO Standard ST.1⁶ if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language translation is attached.

Burke Mail Statement: This form is estimated to take 2 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no person is required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Attn: USPTO Comptroller, 1440 29th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20231.